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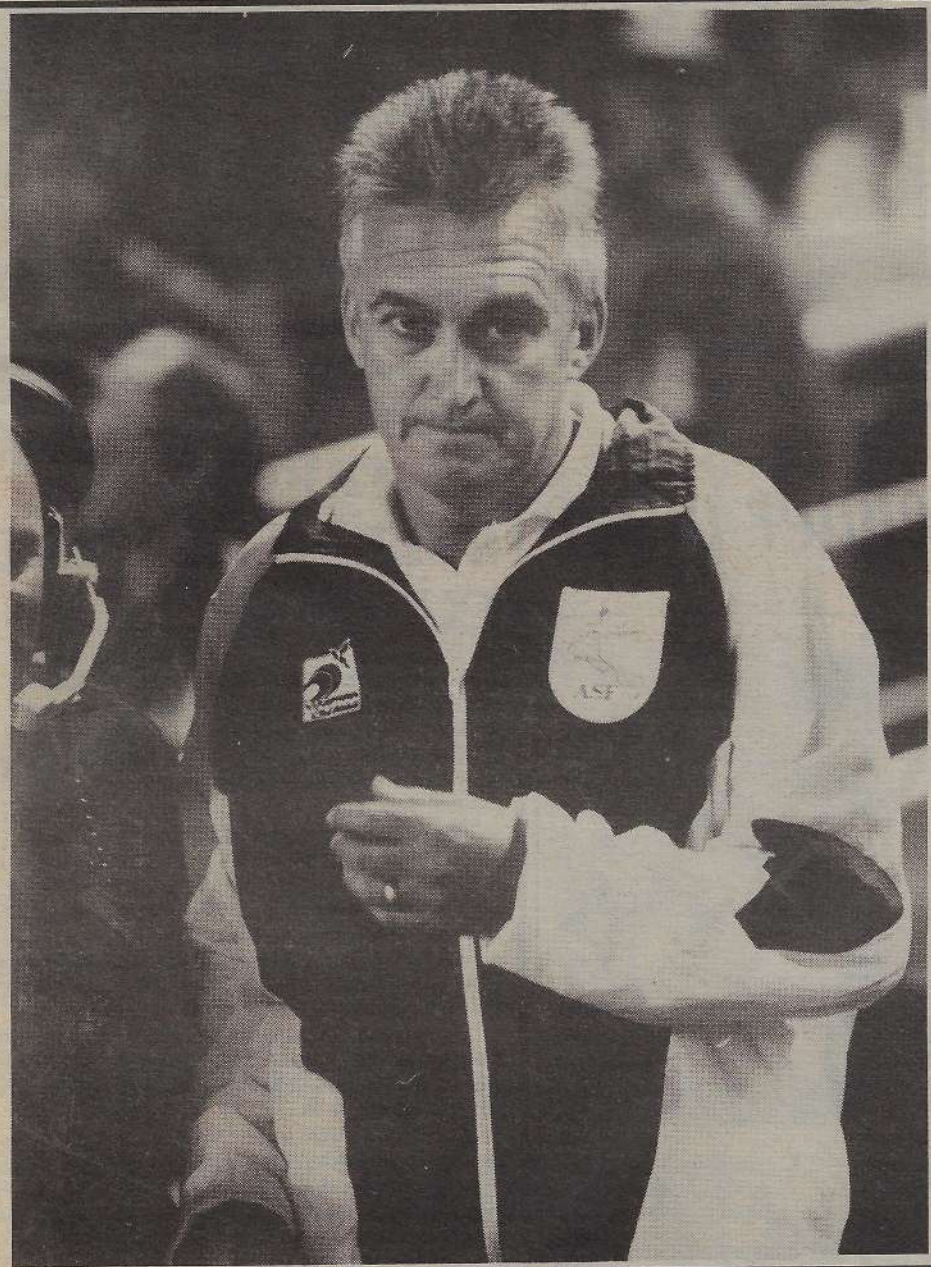
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NOW FOR CANADA



Coach Eddie Thomson: now he has two months to regroup for the first clash with Canada on July 31 and then the return in Sydney on August 15.

VEART LEADS STRIKE AGAINST KIWIS AS AUSTRALIA HITS THREE

by Bruce Campbell

Australia has set itself up for a money spinning World Cup clash with Canada at the Sydney Football Stadium on August 15. Yesterday the Socceroos finally found form when they blitzed arch rivals New Zealand with a 3-0 trouncing - despite taking the field with a reshuffled line-up due to injury and loss of form.

It is no secret at ASF Headquarters that the national body is unimpressed with Melbourne as a major international venue and this might well see Sydney become the big match home of the Socceroos, with the Football Stadium already pencilled in for the next stage of Australia's World Cup campaign.

In the 3-0 win against New Zealand coach Eddie Thomson showed that he is no softie by dropping out of form skipper Paul Wade. Wade is just two games short of equally Peter Wilson's all-time Australian appearance record and now has two months to regain that vital spark that has been missing in his game lately.

Once again Adelaide City striker Carl Veart was on the scoreboard justifying the huge faith that his coach has placed in him. Veart came in for a mixed media bag last week after coming on for the injured Frank Farina in the first game against New Zealand. He missed a bundle of chances but played well enough to justify a starting place in yesterday's game. But maybe the telling point for Veart was his miss-hit in Auckland which was rammed home by Graham Arnold to give Australia a vital one goal lead.

But yesterday it was a different story with Veart setting Australia on the path to glory with less than one minute played.

Veart's goal came from a twenty metre shot which gave Sydney Olympic ex pat Kiwi Clint Gosling no chance. New captain Graham Arnold set the strike up for Veart with a perfect pass.

It was also a momentous day for Graham Arnold who gladly rid himself of a record of sorts. Arnold held a place in the soccer file as the only Australian captain to NEVER lead his country out onto the field. Days after originally receiving the highest honour in Australian soccer Arnold jetted out to Holland to start a new professional career with Roda.

But on Sunday Arnold set the record books straight - and at the same time gave Paul Wade a mountain to climb if he is to write his own name in the record books as Australia's most capped player of all time.

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Aussie Soccer... It's Hot



Play Iraq at your own risk says FIFA official

Another major U-turn by FIFA has seen Iraq allowed to stage international matches again, but FIFA warned prospective opponents that they go there at their own risk.

The International Football Federation stopped Iraq staging international matches after the invasion of Kuwait in 1990. But Iraq has since returned to international sport.

The national football team leads its Asian qualifying group for next year's World Cup in America and the FIFA executive has decided to further ease its sanctions.

Iraq can stage international matches as long as they are friendlies, the executive announced. The games must be in Baghdad and FIFA warned that any opponents go their "at their own risk."

Australia switch to Asia in '98

Oceania teams, which include Australia and New Zealand, will join Asia in qualifying tournaments for future World Cup soccer tournaments, FIFA has decided.

The switch means the team to qualify from Oceania will no longer have to play off against a South American or European team for a

place in the finals.

The new system is expected to apply to qualifying for the 1998 World Cup and possibly also the 1996 Olympic qualifying tournament.

The move is hardly revolutionary as prior to the 1986 World Cup Australia's sole path to the finals was through Asia.

The last time Australia reached the

finals, in Munich, Germany in 1974, it did so by qualifying via Asia.

Europe is the big loser in FIFA's changes. After Cameroon's quarter-final success in the 1990 World Cup finals, Africa was rewarded an extra place at the expense of Europe.

In 1998 Europe will be reduced to 12 countries competing in football's biggest tournament.



The Socceroos before the Sweden match last year in Sydney.

Slater puts soccer first



ROBBIE SLATER: ready for next year's World Cup in the United States.

Robbie Slater has postponed his honeymoon until Australia qualifies for next year's World Cup in the United States.

Slater, who married his French sweetheart Nathalie three weeks ago, said she understood his passion to play in a World Cup before he retired.

"It's got to be the pinnacle of any player's career to go to a World Cup," Slater, 28, said.

"Unfortunately, I play for a country which doesn't make it very often. It has only been once - 1974 - and the road is always very difficult."

"But I honestly believe this team is capable of getting to America."

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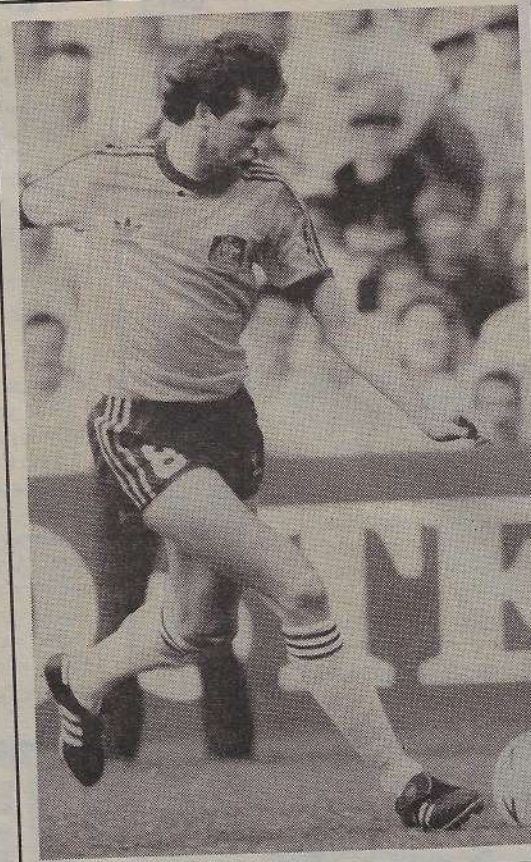
BY STEPHEN
COPPING

DAVID Mitchell, whose Socceroo career ended when he was embroiled in a club v country row, finally had a good week when his English club Swindon Town beat Leicester City 4-3 to lift themselves into the Premier Division.

Mitchell, whose boss Glenn Hoddle prevented him joining up with the Socceroos for their World Cup qualifiers against New Zealand because national coach Eddie Thomson couldn't guarantee him a first team place, created Swindon's first goal with an intelligent back heel to Hoddle whose side took a 3-0 lead before Leicester came storming back in a action packed second half.

It's good news for Mitchell as the former Rangers and Feyenoord striker saw his last venture in the top flight with Chelsea never take off as he couldn't get a regular run with the London club.

However, Glenn Hoddle has taken the vacant manager's job at Chelsea, as Mitchell could find himself out on a limb if a



DAVID MITCHELL: a recall to the Socceroos now seems unlikely.

new manager feels he needs to make wholesale changes to the side.

Mitchell, who turns 30

next week could be looking for another club or a return to Australia if things don't work out at Swindon.

ON TARGET TO SELL ALL WORLD CUP TICKETS

The American organisers of the 1994 World Cup say they are on target to sell all 3.6 million tickets, defying marketing experts and delighting FIFA.

Officials from FIFA, soccer's world ruling body, said more than 600,000 tickets had already been sold in the first phase of marketing.

"This is going to be the biggest World Cup ever," said FIFA spokesman Guido Tognoni.

"We were always confident that it would be sold out from our experiences of the 1984 Olympics when we sold 1.4 million seats. Americans like big events."

Alan Rothenberg, head of the US World Cup Organising Committee, admitted to some sleepless nights fearing he was arranging a party no one would come to.

"We called in ticket marketing experts and they told us 'you guys are crazy, you are not going to sell tickets a year and a half in advance without anyone knowing who's playing,'" he said.

"These experts were scaring the living daylights out of us and they said we wouldn't even cover the cost of our mail."

But February and March mail order ticket sales for first round matches aimed only at Americans regularly involved in soccer were so successful that the organisers had to increase the number available.

"That should have been hardest, a year-and-a-half advance," said Rothenberg.

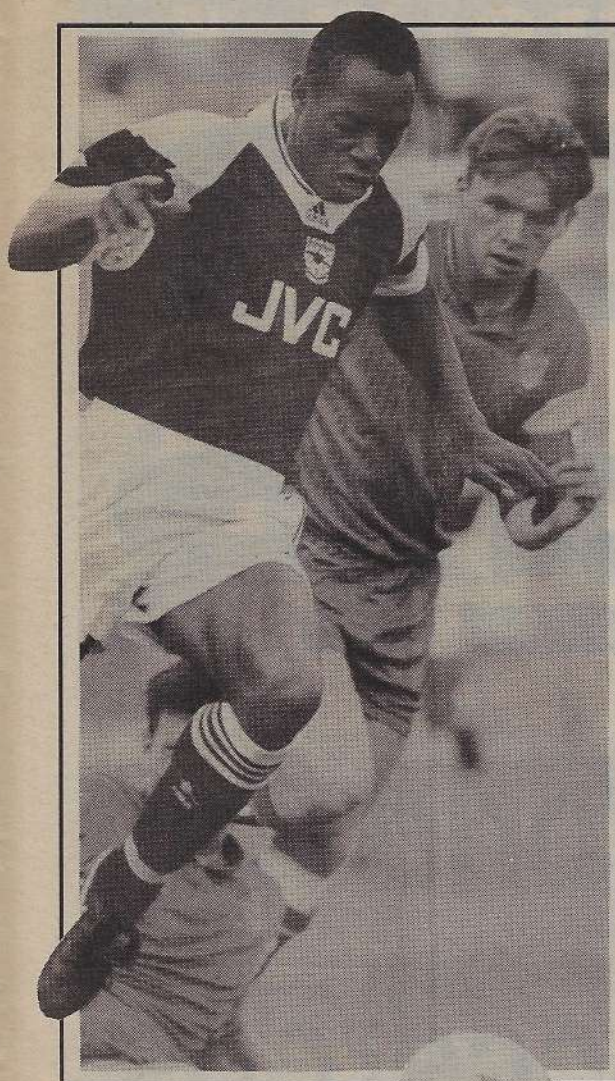
"It was remarkable. I am overjoyed with the response. We had predicted that we would sell out every single seat every single match, all 3.6 million, and I did believe except that I had many a sleepless night when I'd wake up and say 'my God what if we hold a party and no one comes?'"

"We disagreed with the marketing experts, but so regardless we had made a promise to the US soccer fans that they could have first shot at buying some tickets and we said even if it's going to cost us money we have to carry out our promise."

"The response was probably what I thought it would be."

The four-week tournament kicks off in Chicago on July 17 next year.

Aussie Soccer... It's Hot



IAN WRIGHT

I'M STAYING SAYS TAYLOR

England manager Graham Taylor said last Friday he would not quit and would press on in search of a place in the 1994 World Cup finals although his team appeared doomed to failure after its 2-0 humiliation in Oslo.

"You know I'm not going to resign," Taylor told a news conference on arrival from Oslo after England managed to pick up only one point from European group two qualifiers away to Norway and Poland in the last six days.

A disappointed Taylor laid the blame on his players, who lacked fight in Oslo last night after battling back to equalise in a tough

1-1 draw in Poland on Saturday.

"Over the last six months I've been able to say it's my team and whatever shortcomings they may have had they have always played with a passion.

"Last Wednesday that was so sadly lacking it was unbelievable ...

when you get that kind of performance you've got to put your head down and get on with the job."

Arsenal and England striker Ian Wright said: "Graham Taylor has done nothing wrong.

"It's the players that didn't perform.

"Everyone is completely behind him, he put out a formation that he thought would do well.

"It didn't happen but the boss can't be blamed in that respect.

"It's the players who have got to take the blame.

"The boss had to do what he thought we get us a result.

"It's just unfortunate that, on the day, Norway played well and we didn't.

"They made us look pretty bad."



GRAHAM TAYLOR

England on verge of World Cup exit

WORLD Cup organisers would feel let down if England failed to qualify for the finals.

"It would be disappointing because what is a World Cup without

the English, the Brazils, the Italys and the Germanys countries which are always there," said US organising committee spokesman John Griffin.

But he did not expect interest or ticket sales to decline if England did not make the trip next year.

"We have not banked on selling

tickets because of any one country being there," he said.

England's qualifying chances nose-dived when it was beaten by European group two leaders Norway on Wednesday after having drawn with Poland. Griffin said organisers were not breathing sighs of relief about the possible absence of England's notorious fans.

"Security is something we are taking very seriously and we're putting together a major plan which we are being very tight-lipped about," he said.

GOETHALS QUITTS EURO CHAMPS

Marseille coach Raymond Goethals will go back next season to Anderlecht, the Belgian side he used to train in the seventies.

The 73-year-old Goethals, who led Marseille to an historic victory in the European Cup on May 26, said on Wednesday night he would be an adviser for his new club.

He will, however, coach Marseille for a last time on December 12 in the Intercontinental Cup against Sao Paulo.

With Anderlecht, Goethals won the European Cup Winners' Cup twice, in 1976 and 1978. He joined the French champions late in 1990.



RAYMOND GOETHALS: returning to Belgium.

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SUPER SLATER

Aussie ex-pat stars in World Cup triumph for Socceroos

AUSTRALIA VS NEW ZEALAND STATISTICS

BY MARIO ETCHART

AUSTRALIA:

Bosnich (8), Longo (6), Zelic (7), Tobin (6), Vidmar (7), Arnold (7), Van Berk (6), Slater (8), Durakovic (7), Veart (6) (Trimboli 65), Polak (6).

NEW ZEALAND:

Gosling (5), Ridenton (4), Gray (4), Evans (5), Dunford (4), Ironside (4) (Coveny 61), McGarry (6), Riley (6), McLennan (6), Halligan (4), Ngata (6).

SCORERS: Veart 1m, Vidmar 3m, Zelic 48m for Australia.

YELLOW CARDS: Dunford 6m, Evans 70m, Gray 82m for New Zealand.

REFEREE: Ulunberg (Holland).

CROWD: 9,445.

AUSTRALIA

	FIRST HALF	SECOND HALF
Corners	1	3
Shots on target	4	3
Shots off target	2	2
Fouls committed	4	4
Offsides	1	1
Bookings	0	0
Goals	2	1

NEW ZEALAND

	FIRST HALF	SECOND HALF
Corners	4	0
Shots on target	2	5
Shots off target	1	3
Fouls committed	9	9
Offsides	3	1
Bookings	1	2
Goals	0	0

BY GREG BLAKE

EVEN Socceroo coach Eddie Thomson conceded his "Dream Team" had performed as the name would suggest when it outclassed New Zealand 3-0 in the drizzling rain at Olympic Park in the World Cup qualifier on Sunday.

Holding a 1-0 buffer from the opening game at the Mt Smart Stadium seven days ago, the Socceroos put the contest beyond doubt less than three minutes into Sunday's game.

In a venomous opening Australia struck twice inside the opening 180 seconds, Carl Veart opening the score 65 seconds in and elegant Aurelio Vidmar following that up two minutes later to send Australia on a collision course with the Canadians later this year.

Ned Zelic slapped the icing on the cake three minutes after halftime to give Australia its equal record margin over New Zealand in this 28th international between the cross Tasman arch rivals.

Despite the absence of Frank Farina and skipper Paul Wade — a late withdrawal following a bout of the flu — the Aussies, led by overseas based stars Robbie Slater, Vidmar and Graham Arnold, gave the undistinguished Kiwis a footballing lesson.

The win was particularly pleasing for Slater and Arnold, the only

survivors of the Australian team humiliated in the New Zealand leg of the qualifiers four years ago.

An exultant Slater said the result was fantastic.

"But even at 2-0 we were a bit scared that they could come back," said the fiery haired man-of-the-match.

"But in the end we did very well and now we can look forward to meeting Canada."

Beaming Eddie Thomson has been reticent to follow the medias talk of "Dream Teams" all week long but even he admitted that the Socceroos "looked a bit like a dream team today."

"We said in the first 15 minutes we would go out and go for them and if it had kept going that way we might have had five or six," Thomson said after the game.

"We were still a bit worried at halftime but we thought another goal would put it (the game) away."

"Ned (Zelic) took a lot

of stick last week but he was only 60 percent fit for that game."

"It was nice to see him get that third goal and put the match away," said Thomson, who exchanged a sideline high-five with the big Borussia Dortmund defender when Zelic scored Australia's third early in the second half.

In the end the result was something of a let down, given the nail biting nature of recent trans Tasman clashes.

Arnold's first minute midfield steal and the release for Veart virtually set the Aussies up for the day as Veart scampered away and powered a low shot inside the post from 19 metres out to give Australia the lead.

Before New Zealand could recover Australia struck again, man-of-the-match Slater running deep and pinpointing the cross for late running Vidmar who powered his far post header past stunned Gosling to make it 2-0.

From that point on Australia had only to hold the undermanned Kiwis at arms length despite the commitment of the likes of Mike McGarry and Darren McLennan, who refused to allow the rampant Aussies an easy possession.

Vidmar and Veart both came close to a double each before halftime before the shell shocked Kiwis managed a single raid on goal and Aussie keeper Mark Bosnich was not forced into serious action until six minutes from the interval when he did well to stop a header from New Zealand skipper Malcolm Dunford.

Zelic's let's say farewell Kiwis in style goal just after halftime had a touch of class as the big fellow made and scored with another memorable strike for the Zelic family scrapbook.

Striding from the middle the big fellow rode a succession of tackles before squaring to Veart on his left, the Adelaide

player returning the ball to Zelic inside the area, the defender stepping over yet another tackle and rifling the ball home for 3-0.

Such was the precision exhibition from the Australians the paltry 9,445 crowd began counting off the passes in unison, although the Australian camp had a scare on the hour as McLennan completed a determined run with a shot which crashed off the underside of Bosnich's crossbar.

New Zealand coach Ian Marshall, out of contract with the New Zealand FA following this game was magnanimous in defeat.

"I wish Eddie Thomson and the Australians all the best and hope you go on to represent Oceania in the World Cup finals next year," said Marshall, drawing a round of applause from the press gallery.

The performance was an impressive one and with Slater and Arnold already committing their support to the Canada series, Canadian team manager Les Wilson admitted Australians would be a formidable opponent.

Wilson, who scouted the series for the Canadians said Australia had "no obvious weaknesses".

"Overall its a very good team and Eddie has done a great job."

"But I have noted a few things for when we meet Australia later this year."

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SLATER REVELS IN GLAMOUR LIFESTYLE

BY JUSTIN BRASIER

Million dollar Australian soccer player Robbie Slater, who can walk down any street in Australia unnoticed, is revelling in his celebrity status back in France.

A star with RC De Lens in the French first division, 28-year-old Slater is an adopted son of the country and three weeks ago married his French sweetheart Nathalie.

Slater, who has returned to Australia after a three-year absence to help the Socceroos qualify for next year's World Cup in the United States, often finds himself being mobbed by fans whenever he ventures out in the north of France.

"In my town I can't go

out," Slater said.

"It is pretty much a glamorous lifestyle but without going over the top I think it's a privilege.

"When you retire in a couple years time, you'll probably never get that again.

"I love it when the kids come up to you with their big eyes and ask for your autograph. It's a great feeling.

"I think anybody who says they hate that is either a liar or insensitive."

The red-haired striker made his debut with St George in the National Soccer League at the age of 17 and stayed there for four years before moving to Sydney CSC where he played alongside Socceroo team-mate and larrikin sidekick Graham Arnold.

Slater, Arnold and

Frank Farina are the three wise monkeys of the Socceroo team.

The trio provide comic relief for their teammates and know how to break the tension of a World Cup campaign.

"We're the last of the old generation," said Slater.

"The younger players just laugh at us, they think we're idiots, but I think it's good because the pressure just builds up and up and you've just got to laugh.

"But when the game comes, we're the first to be serious."

Soccer has been kind to Slater and even now he has trouble comprehending the size of his monthly pay cheques. He earns about \$A70,000 clear a month.

He said he only needs

to play for another two years to set him and his wife up financially for life.

Slater drives a black Porsche and can now afford items that were once beyond his wildest dreams.

But he has so far resisted the life of a playboy afforded to many star players in France.

"I've seen players earn \$60,000 to \$70,000 a month and they just blow it," he said.

The Australian playmaker was voted man of the match after making an amazing recovery from a knee injury but even he wasn't happy with his effort.

"I can play a lot better than that — if I couldn't, then I would give the game away," Slater said.

"Theoretically, we can improve a hell of a lot."



FRANK FARINA: the Strasberg star was injured in the first leg in New Zealand and missed the three nil flogging in Melbourne

SCOTTISH GRANITE

EUROPEAN FLAIR SPELL CURTAINS FOR KIWIS

BY PAUL MILLAR

As a footballer Eddie Thomson was known as a hard man with shins of steel and a tackle that made strikers shake in their boots.

His hair has greyed since the days he autographed opponent's kneecaps for Scottish sides Hearts and Aberdeen, but the Socceroo chief's appetite for success on the football field is as ravenous as ever.

The son of a miner and the youngest of a family of seven children, Thomson realised early in life that opportunities to

avoid the drudgery of the mills or the toil in the coal pits on the outskirts of Edinburgh would be scarce.

Professional football gave Thomson the opportunity he wanted and

he jumped at the chance to join Hearts.

"I couldn't get out of the mill quick enough," he said.

He said when he joined the Scottish club he thought he was as tough as anybody, but after a week he was so bruised and sore that he didn't think he would last the pace.

"The first team used to kick you half to death, they were supposed to be team-mates. I soon learned it was a game of survival and you looked after yourself," he said.

The defender did make the grade, eventually becoming team skipper and a star in one of the toughest physical football leagues in the world.

"Everybody in those days was a real hard-case, if you didn't belt the centre forward first then he'd get you. You never

took a step back," he said.

When Hearts started to struggle for money they offloaded Thomson to Aberdeen for about \$130,000.

While he was now an experienced professional player, it was only the start of his soccer learning curve.

He played in European Cup ties and was fascinated how the German and Polish sides played controlled, fluent soccer instead of the pacy, physical, committed game of Scotland.

While his team-mates downed pints after the European games, Thomson's thirst was for knowledge, not ale, and he sought out his German and Polish opponents and queried them about training and tactics.

"I was always asking these people what they did,

because they were so far ahead of us," he said.

He knew his future was in coaching and even though he was still playing he enrolled on a Scottish coaching course.

"I learned more in that fortnight than I had in my eight years as a player," he said.

Thomson then went chasing dollars with San Antonio Thunder in the United States and eventually landed in Australia where he played for Sydney City and subsequently coached them, winning every honor available.

The coach, who still has an accent thicker than a highland mist, then became Frank Arok's assistant with the national side and was regarded by many as the tactician behind Mad Dog's side.

Since he took over

from Arok he has stamped his influence on the way the Socceroos play and while Australia can still mix it physically with any country in the world, the team is no longer scared to open the game up.

"Mad dogs, that's what they used to call us, our players were battering rams, they were kicking and aggressive. But not any more," he said.

With an influx of players with European experience to call on for his World Cup campaign,

Thomson now has a side which can play it out from the back and can cope under pressure.

We are more competent now, we play with technique and know where we are going with the ball," he said.

Thomson has forged these skills with the natural aggression of the Australian players and now has a squad which he rates as a 60-40 chance of making the World Cup finals.

On Sunday in

Melbourne the Socceroos will take on New Zealand which is 1-0 down from the first leg and a draw is enough to take Australia through to the next qualifying round against Canada.

The Socceroos have shown they can play the flowing game of the European club sides.

Against the physical Kiwis they will need to be as tough as Scottish granite but with Thomson in charge that will be no problem.

AUSSIE FOOTBALL STARS



Following our look at Aussie stars, we feature South Melbourne's *Francis Awaritefe* in this issue.

FRANCIS AWARITEFE

D.O.B: 18.4.64
CLUB: South Melbourne
POSITION: Striker

Francis Awaritefe, the 'Black Pearl', joined Melbourne CSC in 1989 from English non-league club Sutton United. He had previously been with Wimbledon and joined Melbourne after failing a trial with his present club, South Melbourne!

At the beginning of season 1992/93 Awaritefe crossed over to the Blues where he continued his prolific scoring rate. Sharp as a tack in the box, Awaritefe possesses that nose for goals that all class strikers have. At times he looks awkward on the ball but this is due to a unique gait which hides his very fine close ball control. Deadly acceleration off a standing start complements the skills which enabled him to top this season's NSL scoring list with 18 goals.

This season saw Awaritefe press for a place in the national team but despite huge media acclaim, Socceroo coach Eddie Thomson has chosen to ignore one of the best players in the land.

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of the Super NSW Soccer

Dolphins and Demons set to lose stars

Warringah Dolphins' coach Glenn Sterrey's player drain continues when two of his star players fly out with the Soccerblues squad on June 17 to compete in the President's Cup in Korea.

Out for two Super League games will be midfield pair Frank Gigliotti and Wayne Pierce who have been selected for the NSW State side for the first time.

Sterrey's side has been plagued by injury and suspension this season and mid-table obscurity seems to be the only option left for a Dolphins team who finished third in last year's



FRANK GIGLIOTTI: off to Korea with the Soccerblues

Super League.

Blacktown City will also be without Damon Langan and Steve Berry, but coach Ken Schembri has a strong squad and with the recent signing of Glenn Johnson the Demons should be able to cope without Berry and Langan.

The fifth Super League player to be picked by Soccerblues coach, Rale Rasic, is Eastern Suburbs' Mike Smith.

The NSW State side were chosen as the replacement team to represent Australia because the Socceroos are playing two exhibition matches against AC Milan.

NSW SUPER LEAGUE

★ STAR ★

FRANK MIKULETIC LEICHHARDT TIGERS



Frank Mikuletic is one of the few players currently at Leichhardt who has not been replaced by a National League player. This says a lot about his ability and shows that coach Manfred Schaefer rates the young keeper highly. Has rarely put a foot wrong all season and deserves credit for his consistent performances.

STEFAN JANIC FACT-FILE

CLUB: Bonnyrigg White Eagles

POSITION: Striker

D.O.B: 13.12.65

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Polonia (1985-89)

Wollongong United (1989-92)

JANIC SEES SPINK AS HIS NSL SAVIOUR

Bonnyrigg White Eagles' striker Stefan Janic feels Socceroo team-mate Warren Spink could be the link he needs to sign for a National League club next season.

"If I can learn from playing alongside Warren this season, then perhaps a NSL club might sign me," said Janic, a \$5,000 signing for the Eagles from Wollongong United at the beginning of the season.

"I'm desperate to play in the top league and at 27 this could be my last opportunity.

"I have learnt a lot from Warren already and despite all the criticism he's getting for not scoring many - he is in fact giving me more space and time in the penalty area."

Janic left the Lions to join what he considers the best outfit in the Super League.

"I heard of Bonnyrigg's application to join the NSL and with them winning everything last year signing for them was as a formality once they showed an interest in me."

Bonnyrigg's season is not reaching the heights of last year but Janic feels the side is slowly coming to terms with the changes to the personnel which saw six players join Blacktown City at the start of the year.

"We lost good quality players but I feel with the signing of Warren we have a player who can really inspire the team.

"If we can have a great run over the next 10 crucial matches who knows where that might leave us in the league."

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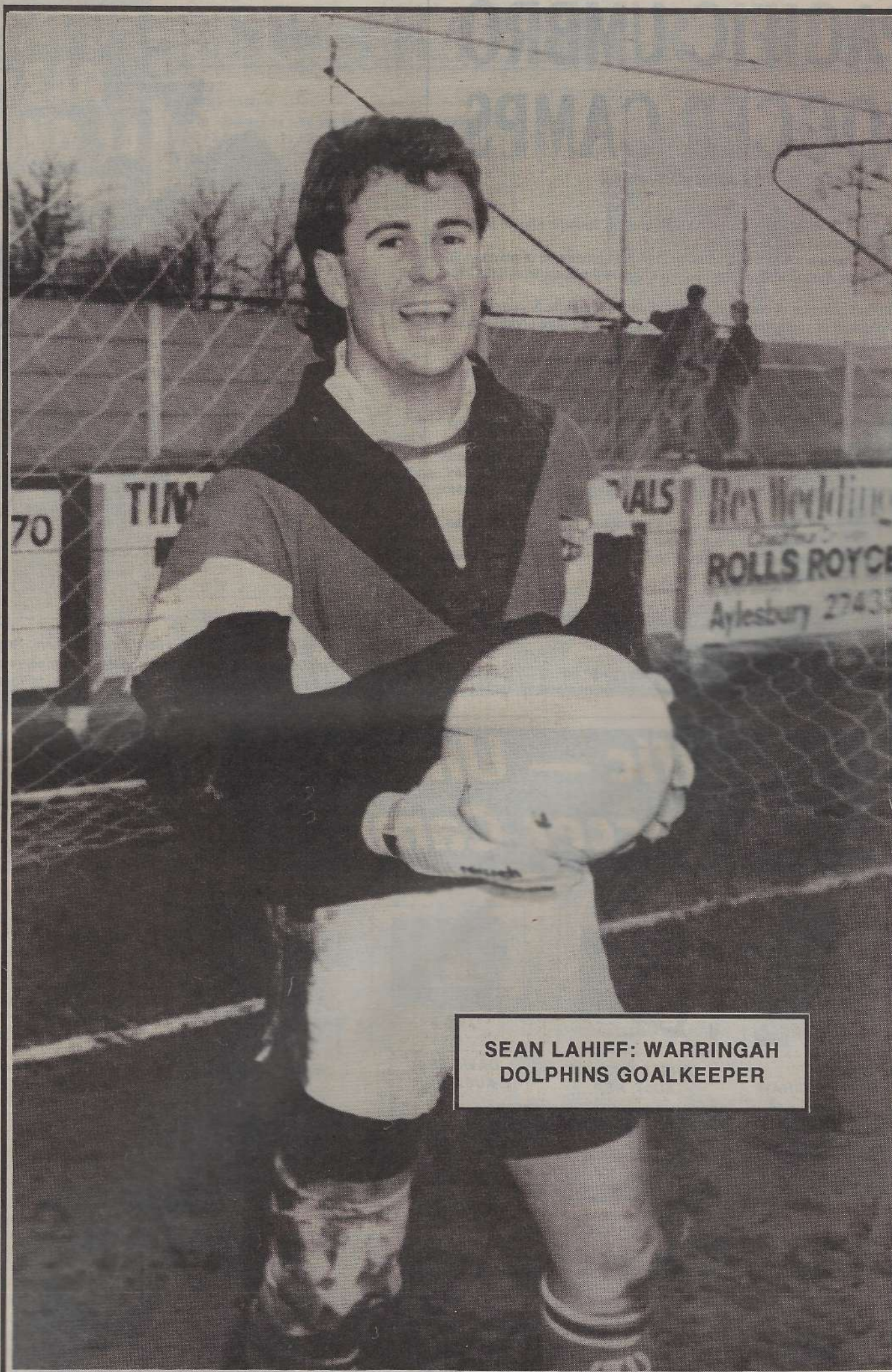
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Lemenzina	Tony	Canberra Deakins
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8 GOALS		
Gilbert	Scott	Bankstown City MSC
Kwasniewski	Adam	Wollongong United
7 GOALS		
Tome	Norman	Bonnyrigg WE
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Karavatakis	Steve	CYC Stanmore



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6 GOALS		
Eldridge	Brett	Adamstown Rosebud
Christoforidis	Steve	Canterbury Marrickville
Porter	Stuart	CYC Stanmore
5 GOALS		
Pierce	Wayne	Warringah Dolphins
Ravanello	Andy	Canberra Deakin
Easthorpe	Randell	Blacktown City
Machado	Richard	Bonnyrigg WE
Surjan	Anthony	Bankstown City MSC
Janic	Stephen	Bonnyrigg White Eagles
4 GOALS		
Batten	David	Blacktown City
Harriott	Paul	Eastern Suburbs
Murigi	Fadil	Canberra Deakin
Dounis	Louis	Canterbury M'ville
Pillemer	Jonathan	Leichhardt
McKinna	Lawrie	Blacktown
Gigliotti	Frank	Warringah Dolphins
Gibson	John	Leichhardt Tigers
Slaveski	Ken	Rockdale Ilinden
Versi	Anthony	Warringah Dolphins
Villani	Carlo	Canberra Deakin
Orlic	Nick	Canterbury Marrickville
3 GOALS		
Smith	Damien	Adamstown Rosebud
Brandtman	Tony	Sutherland Shire
Sellar	Robbie	Rockdale Ilinden
McKie	John	Warringah Dolphins
Reveley	Mark	Bankstown City MSC
Pontidas	Tom	CYC Stanmore
Dimov	Lupco	Wollongong United
Baillie	Scott	Bankstown City MSC
Josiski	Nikolice	Bankstown City MSC
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Relaxing at one of Sydney's glorious northern beaches are: Pacific Umbro Soccer Camp Director Richard Alagich (left) together with Camp Manager Fred Wall (right), as they serve champagne to celebrate the outstanding success of the recent World Youth FIFA/COCA COLA Championships, to Youth Internationals Ante Milicic, Peter Tsekenis and Fabio Macolino seated. Also in the picture is former World Youth goalkeeper Brett Hughes.

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McQuarrie J (Adamstown)
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**SCOTT GILBERT: amongst the
goals and the points in this season's
Super League**

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Papouthis (CYC)
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Grbevski M (St George)
Mason G (Leichhardt)
Morrow (Eastern Suburbs)
Brown M (Dolphins)
Jurin Z (Wollongong)
Bennett (CYC Stanmore)
Zdrilic D (CYC Stanmore)
Masiz P (Canterbury)
Krstevski (Wollongong)
Bock D (Adamstown)
Lowe M (Dolphins)
Gigliotti F (Warringah)
Beddoni B (Leichhardt)
Fitzharris D (Blacktown)
Dounis L (Canterbury)
Mikuletic (Leichhardt)
Kostadinovski (St George)
Lahiff S (Dolphins)
Soper M (Bankstown)
Dounis I (Cant Marr)
Jennings G (Adamstown)
Panetta S (Warringah)
Condoleon (Sutherland)
Nario A (Bonnyrigg)
Mazis P (Canberra)
Jerkovic Rudi (Eastern Suburbs)
McMorrow (Sutherland)
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McKinna L (Blacktown)
Jermen M (Tigers)
McEvoy D (Sutherland)
Jeffs K (Sutherland)
Surjan (Bankstown)
Giesen (St George)
Kostadinovski (St George)
O'Carroll (St George)
Carter P (Leichhardt Tigers)
Smith D (Adamstown)
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Patikas J (Tigers)

NSW TRANSFER TALK

MIKE SMITH

The Wollongong City ace and Soccerblue midfield/striker joins Eastern Suburbs after his visa was extended allowing him to sign on-loan for the struggling Super League side. Smith has been training with Eastern Suburbs once a week plus two weekly sessions with the Soccerblues, who are set to fly off to Korea on June 17 to compete in the eight team President's Cup.

PEDRO RICOY

His on-loan move to St George was completed just in time for him to play in yesterday's clash with Bonnyrigg White Eagles. The attacking midfield ace should be a perfect partner for former Adelaide City and Socceroo full-back Mike Grbevski.

TONY FRANKEN

Socceroo and Sydney CSC goalkeeper Tony Franken is expected to sign for Canberra Deakin as regular keeper when Anthony Giannasca will be competing in the World Student Games next month in Buffalo, USA. Franken is expected to play only two games in the Super League as Giannasca will only miss the Round 20 clash against Bonnyrigg White Eagles and the following match against Canterbury Marrickville.

BRAD MALONEY

Completed his transfer from Newcastle Breakers to Leichhardt Tigers only last Thursday. The Olyroo star has finally left Newcastle after an unhappy second year which was continually immersed in transfer speculation.



TONY FRANKEN

LEAGUE ACTION

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Lawrie McKinna showing great determination for Blacktown City against St George.



Patrick Bradley ghosts through St George

WORLD CUP

GROUP 1

SCOTLAND ROMP TO VICTORY OVER ESTONIA

SCOTLAND kept alive its slim hopes of qualifying for the World Cup finals by romping to a 3-1 win over Estonia in a European Group One qualifier.

Two goals by winger Pat Nevin and a rare strike by Brian McClair swept the Scots to victory. They are third in group one with eight points — two points behind second placed Italy and four behind top of the table Switzerland. All three countries have played seven matches.

The result never appeared in doubt but Estonia did have the satisfaction of scoring its first World Cup goal in its sixth competitive match since rejoining FIFA.

Substitute Sergei Bragin hammered in a fine 25-metre strike in the 57th minute to the clear delight of his team mates.

But Scotland was already in command by then thanks to first-half goals by McClair and Nevin.

The opener came after 18 minutes when Tom Boyd released Nevin on the left and his low cross into the six-metre box was turned home by McClair.

McClair's second goal for Scotland came in his 30th appearance.

Nine minutes later Nevin produced a touch of brilliance. He collected a pass from John Collins on the edge of the 18-metre box and floated a chip over the stranded goalkeeper into the far corner of the net.

Nevin made it 3-1 when he converted a penalty in the 72nd minute.

Scotland — Bryan Gunn, Alan McLaren (Stewart McKimmie 70th), Tommy Boyd, Paul McStay, Colin Hendry, Brian Irvine, Kevin Gallacher, Ian Ferguson (Scott Booth 55th), Brian McClair, John Collins, Pat Nevin.

Estonia — Mart Poom, Risto Kallaste, Marek Lemsalu (Sergei Bragin 46th), Igor Prins, Urmas Kaljend, Toomas Kallaste, Andrei Borissov, Marko Kristal, Martin Reim, Indro Olumets (Jeanus Veensalu 72nd).

GROUP 2

NORWAY SET FOR FINALS AFTER HUMILIATING BRITS

NORWAY was ready to pack its bags for the World Cup finals after outclassing England 2-0 in a qualifying tie. Goals by Oeyvind Leon Hardsen and Lars Bohinen each side of halftime devastated England and boosted Norway's tally to 11 points at the top of European Group Two.

England remained second but has played one game more and now looks unlikely to make the trip to the United States next year. The Netherlands and Poland, one point behind and also with matches in hand, are poised to overhaul them.

Norway was able to celebrate a repeat of its 1981 World Cup qualifying victory over England and the group two draw at Wembley last October.

Its humiliated opponent was left to contemplate the near-impossible demands of an away triumph over the classy Dutch to remain in contention.

Even the English fans, who shamed their country with a riot in Oslo 24 hours earlier, applauded Norway for the way they completely outplayed England's bold but misconstrued line-up in the Ullevaal Stadium.

Norway coach Egil Olsen said: "England are not known for giving up before the whistle sounds, but that is what they did."

"We are very close (to qualifying), but we still have four tough matches to go."

England counterpart Graham Taylor said: "I am shocked because the performance was way below what is expected and what is required. It will leave many people at home angry and frustrated."

"We gave away everything, it's the manner of losing that is the disappointing aspect."

Taylor dropped Liverpool veteran John Barnes and made three other changes after Saturday's 1-1 draw in Poland.

But there was too much inexperience, no clear understanding and key Norwegian Jostein Flo baffled his opponents by switching wings from the start.

England committed a major error when Des Walker protested at being penalised for his 43rd minute challenge on Jan Aage Fjortoft.

While Walker and his team mates looked at the referee, Gunnar Halle took a quick free-kick to Fjortoft on the byline. Leon Hardsen won the race to Fjortoft's near-post cross and his mishit shot flew over flailing goalkeeper Chris Woods.

Taylor sent on Nigel Clough and pulled off Walker, but there were too few troubled moments for goalkeeper Erik Thorstvedt. When he did have to save he did it with calm assurance.

By contrast, Woods became increasingly busy as England threw everything forward and his excellent save from substitute Goeran Soerloth spared England a bigger defeat.

NORWAY — Erik Thorstvedt; Gunnar Halle, Tore Pedersen, Rune Bratseth (Roger Nilsen 82), Stig Inge Bjoernebye, Jostein Flo, Erik Mykland, Oeyvind Leon Hardsen, Jan Aage Fjortoft (Goeran Soerloth 57), Kjetil Rekdal, Lars Bohinen.

ENGLAND — Chris Woods; Lee Dixon, Gary Pallister, Carlton Palmer, Des Walker (Nigel Clough 63), Tony Adams, David Platt, Paul Gascoigne, Les Ferdinand, Teddy Sheringham (Ian Wright 46), Lee Sharpe.

Russian joy and England gloom

RUSSIA qualified for the finals, England now look doomed and Scandinavian teams were in goal-happy mood after last Wednesday's European Zone World Cup qualifying matches.

Russia has now made the American finals in 1994 for the first time, though the Soviet Union appeared frequently over the years.

Its point from a 1-1 draw in Reykjavik, Iceland was enough to see it join Greece as qualifiers from group five.

But the story was so different for 1966 World Champions England. It looks like bowing out of the event for the first time since 1978. It reached the top 12 in 1982, the quarter-finals in 1986 and the semi-finals three years ago.

But that steady improvement appears to have been cut short by a 2-0 loss to Norway in Oslo in their group two match.

And many will put the blame squarely on the shoulders of manager Graham Taylor, whose future must be in some doubt.

Goals from Oyvind Leonhardsen and Lars Bohinen, just before and after the break, could well have sent England packing.

A downcast Taylor said after the match: "I am shocked by that kind of performance for what was an important game for English football. It is deeply disappointing."

Tomas Brodin scored a hat-trick as Sweden went back top of World Cup qualifying group six with a stylish 5-0 victory over 10-man Israel.

The goals were the first by the 23-year-old striker with European Cup-Winners' Cup holders Parma in his country's World Cup campaign. They could play a crucial role in getting Sweden to the finals in the United States next year.

Frank Pingel scored twice as Denmark kept its World Cup hopes alive with a 4-0 win over Albania. The Danes scored their biggest win of group three over Albania, the whipping boys of the group who have now conceded 20 goals in 10 games.

John Jensen and Peter Moller added the other two goals to leave Denmark in second place, one point behind Spain which has played one game more.

Hat-trick hero Peter Dubovsky was the star of nine-man Czech and Slovak Republics who beat Romania 5-2 in their World Cup qualifying group four match at Kosice, Slovakia.

Northern Ireland was lucky to win 2-1 in Latvia in its World Cup group three qualifying match. Oxford's Jim Magilton fired home in the fourth minute, and Barnsley defender Gerry Taggart gave them a two-goal cushion after a quarter hour. Ainars Linards pulled one back for Latvia.

Spain's Jose Guerrero scored twice in three minutes to bring his country a 2-0 World Cup qualifying group three victory in Lithuania and Scotland wrapped up a disappointing season by scoring an expected 3-1 victory over group one minnows Estonia.

Two goals from Pat Nevin and one by Brian McClair enabled Andy Roxburgh's side to complete the double over the Baltic state, who netted their first World Cup goal through Sergei Bragin.

GROUP 3

TWO-GOAL GUERRERO KEEPS SPAIN ON COURSE

JULEN Guerrero scored twice in four minutes to give Spain a vital 2-0 win against Lithuania in a World Cup qualifier and boost his country's bid for a place in the finals.

Guerrero rose high in the area to head home a left-wing cross in the 73rd minute and four minutes later tucked home the ball from close range after some good approach work.

Spain enjoyed the lion's share of the match, hitting the woodwork twice, but found it hard to beat goalkeeper Valdemaras Martinkenas.

The result kept Spain top of group three with 13 points.

The twin strike by the Athletic Bilbao forward were the first away goals of the competition for the Spaniards.

Claudio Barragan wasted a good chance to open the scoring for Spain in the 55th minute when he hit the left-hand post from close range. Four minutes from time midfielder Miguel Nadal hit the bar with a fierce drive from outside the area.

Spain, 5-0 winners in Madrid in February, struggled to cope with a packed Lithuanian defence in the first half and rarely looked dangerous.

But Lithuania did not manage a serious shot on goal and never looked like repeating their feat last year when they held European champions Denmark to a goalless draw in Vilnius.

"For 70 minutes we successfully defended our goal but we did not have enough strength for such a game," said Lithuanian coach Algimantas Liubinskas.

"You must be well prepared physically and our attackers looked tired."

LITHUANIA: Valdemaras Martinkenas, Tomas Ztukas, Virginijus Baltusnikas, Romas Mazeikis, Vladimiras Duzmakovas, Viktoras Olsanskis, Stasys Baranauskas, Venciaslavas Sukristovas, Igoris Kirilovas, Robertas Fridrikas (Ricardas Zdancius 54), Aureligus Skarbalius.

SPAIN: Andoni Zubizarreta, Albert Ferrer, Michel Lasa (Aitor Beguiristain 62), Rafael Alkorta, Fernando Giner, Fernando Hierro, Julio Salinas (Enrique Esteban 54), Miguel Nadal, Claudio Barragan, Julen Guerrero, Guillermo Amor.

TOP SPECIAL



EURO-92 ACTION: Sweden v France 1992

NORTHERN AND HANG OR VICTORY

Ireland was lucky to beat Latvia
Cup group three qualifying

Magilton fired home in the fourth
asley defender Gerry Taggart gave
cushion after a quarter hour.

Old winger Michael Hughes, who
urg, gave the Baltic Republic a lot
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de the match as they stared defeat

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s Denmark, Spain and Albania,
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scored and Northern Ireland from
ngerously.

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d to clear a Babicevs header off the



ANDY ROXBURGH



PETER SCHMEICHEL

GROUP
4

DUBOVSKY FIRES HOME THREE

HAT-TRICK hero Peter
Dubovsky was the star of the nine-man
Czech and Slovak Republics who beat Romania 5-2 in
their World Cup qualifying group four match in
Kosice.

With the match locked at 2-2 after Florin Raducioiu
fired home his second goal in the 55th minute,
Dubovsky completed a hat-trick in the last half-hour of
the match.

The final two goals from the Republics' top scorer
were knocked home with a team reduced to nine men
after the sendoffs of Jiri Nemec and Petr Vrabec.

GROUP
6

BROLIN HAT-TRICK SWINGS SWEDEN ON TOP

TOMAS Brolin scored a hat-trick as
Sweden went back top of its World Cup
qualifying group with a stylish 5-0 victory
over Israel.

The goals were the first by the 23-year-
old Italian-based striker in his country's
World Cup campaign.

They could play a crucial role in getting
Sweden to the finals in the United States
next year.

His two goals in the first half and one in
the second saw Sweden take over group
six, ahead of France, on goal difference.

Its next game is at home to France in Au-
gust.

Paer Zetterberg and second half substi-
tute Stefan Landberg got the other goals in
front of the joyous 22,042 crowd at the Raa-
sunda Stadioin who celebrated Sweden's
biggest win in the group.

SCOREBOARD

GROUP 1

Scotland3 Estonia1

GROUP 2

Norway2 England0

GROUP 3

Latvia1 Northern Ireland..2
Denmark4 Albania0
Lithuania4 Spain2

GROUP 4

Czechoslovakia ..5 Romania2

Belgium	8	7	0	1	15	3	14
Romania	7	4	1	2	21	10	9
Czechoslovakia	6	2	3	1	13	7	7
Wales	6	3	1	2	11	8	7
Cyprus	8	2	1	5	8	13	5
Faroe Islands	7	0	0	7	1	28	0

NOTE: Czechoslovakia (RCS - Representation
of Czechs and Slovaks)

REMAINING MATCHES: June 6 Faroe Islands v Wales, June
16 Faroe Islands v Czechoslovakia, Sept 8 Wales v Czechoslo-
vakia, Faroe Islands v Romania, Oct 13 Romania v Belgium,
Wales v Cyprus, Oct 27 Czechoslovakia v Cyprus, Nov 17
Wales v Romania, Belgium v Czechoslovakia.

GROUP 5

Iceland1 Russia1

Russia	6	4	2	0	12	2	10
Greece	6	4	2	0	6	1	10
Iceland	6	1	2	3	4	6	4
Hungary	5	1	1	3	4	6	3
Luxembourg	5	0	1	4	1	12	1

REMAINING MATCHES: June 16 Iceland v Hungary, Sept
8 Hungary v Russia, Iceland v Luxembourg, Oct 12
Luxembourg v Greece, Oct 27 Hungary v Luxembourg,
Nov 17 Greece v Russia.

GROUP 6

Sweden5 Israel1



Scotland's Paul McStay

'HOLOPHANE VICTORIAN PREMIER LEAGUE MATCH OF THE DAY

SEVEN IN A ROW

LUNA'S LONGRANGE GOAL GIVES THOMASTOWN DRAW NO SEVEN

**BULLEEN
THOMASTOWN** 2
2

BY CON STAVROS

THE earth is round. Night follows day. And Thomastown played a draw in its Premier League match on the weekend.

Take all of the above as gospel, particularly the latter as the Devils racked up their seventh draw in succession and their tenth of the season thus far.

If they had a casino in Vegas taking bets on the Premier League I'd be there this week putting every cent on Thomastown to share the points in its next game(s) and if I wanted to really cash in I'd nominate a score of 2-2.

Thomastown, in the last seven draws, have had five of those.

At least against Bulleen last Saturday they didn't blow a 2-0 lead as is customary.

No sir, this time Thomastown led by just one goal to nil for the most part,

before three second half goals silenced any doubters who thought this match wouldn't finish 2-2.

Thomastown in fairness deserved at least a draw and towards the end probably should have grabbed the lead back.

The Devils took the lead just seven minutes into the match with Gary McMullen heading home from close range after defender Nick Ousalkas had headed on a throw-in from fellow fullback, Nino Di Martino.

Big, bad Nino, who is clearly at home in his new

defensive role was a bugbear for the Lions all afternoon.

Having "turned over a new leaf", Di Martino made up for his lack of pace with some shrewd tackling and positioning that clearly unsettled the Bulleen forwards.

Lions' coach Andy Bozikas lamented his teams lack of speed after the match and hopes to correct it with the loan-signing of Preston striker, Andrew Zinni, during the week.

"Everyone else is getting loan players, so why not us," Bozikas said.

Certainly, Zinni's pace will strengthen an impressive squad and provide a cover for speedy Stan Thodis out with a broken collarbone.

Thomastown's reputation as a draw specialist meant that an equaliser was expected by everyone and it duly came 18 minutes into the second half after a cross

by Michael Branov was headed square by Scott Patterson and the jump of Billy Tsiakos, Pat Giaccherini and Devils' goalkeeper Zoran Janakievski combined to send the ball trickling over the goalline.

Referee John Rutter would call that an own-goal, depriving Giaccherini of a score against his former club.

Bulleen then turned on their best period of the entire match with Janakievski foiling Patterson with a quick run off his line after Giaccherini's first time flick had caught Thomastown napping in the 75th minute.

The final fifteen minutes then had something of a Hollywood script about them.

All substitutes dream of coming on near the end of a tight match and scoring the winner/equaliser.

In the spirit of the match, both sides got to share the dream on this occasion.

First off in the 80th minute it was Bulleen's sub Gary Frezzini who got to do the victory lap.

Frezzini, so unknown he was wearing the number 14 shirt, drove home the apparent winner after Giaccherini showed a ton of perseverance and style to fashion a cross from the left.

The tantalizing cross stunned the Devils' defenders and Ousalkas paused momentarily allowing Frezzini to shoot. Poor Ousalkas then watched as Frezzini's shot struck him and looped over 'keeper Janakievski into the back of the net.

Thomastown to their credit wasted no time getting back into the action.

Just two minutes later truth, justice and the Thomastown way was fulfilled as substitute

Maurice Luna's speculative drive from long-range swerved and somehow slipped past Bulleen custodian Jeff Olver.

The former Socceroo 'keeper deserved better than to suffer the indignity of a soft goal after a season of safe and solid service.

But hey, this game was meant to finish as a draw.

Jeff Olver can stop most things, destiny however is not one of them.

BULLEEN:
Olver, Valentic, Vesnaver, Krajacic, Marsan, Branov, Grbac, Tsiakos, Sonsini (Frezzini), Giaccherini, Patterson.

THOMASTOWN
Janakievski, Tsangas, Ousalkas, Karic, Farquarson, Di Martino, Brown, McAleer, Bichler (Luna), Stifkas, McMullen.

REFEREE: J Rutter.
POY: Di Martino 3, Vesnaver 2, Brown 1.

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Nth Geelong	16	9	3	4	31	19	21
Springvale	15	8	5	1	25	13	21
Bulleen	16	8	5	3	23	11	21
Albion	15	6	7	2	24	18	19
Sunshine GX	16	8	3	5	23	22	19
Fawkner	15	8	2	5	30	19	15
St Albans	16	6	4	6	24	15	16
Juventus	15	6	2	7	19	23	14
Thomastown	15	1	10	4	23	27	12
Croydon	15	2	8	5	18	24	12
Altona Gate	15	2	7	6	14	20	11
Knox City	15	3	5	7	18	26	11
Green Gully	15	2	6	7	13	27	10
Caulfield	15	2	3	9	17	38	9



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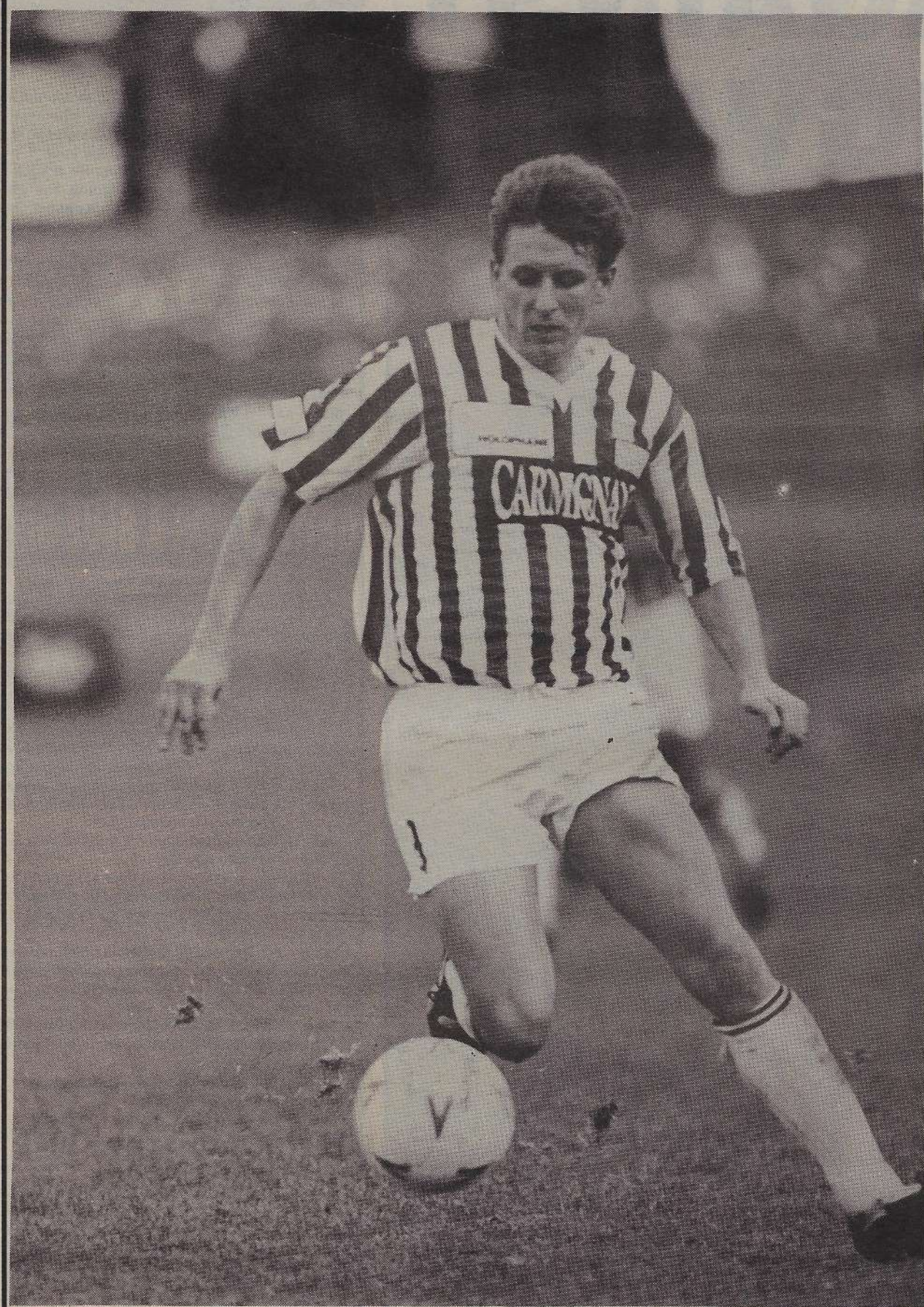
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VICTORIAN SUMMARY

CELLAR-DWELLERS, Caulfield City provided the shock of the season on the weekend as they downed league leaders Springvale City 2-1.

Caulfield scored in the second minute through Nick Deligiannis and nabbed the winner in injury-time through Nick Papadopoulos to stun the Vales who were playing under lights at home.

A surprise of almost similar magnitude occurred at the opposite end of town when the Albion side, which included loan signing Kevin Muscat, lost 2-1 to John Waddell's rapidly improving Sunshine George Cross.

Elsewhere it was goal avalanche at Fawkner as Ken Murphy's Blues racked up another big tally, this time whipping Knox City 5-0, with Carlos Retre the hero scoring three to move him to the top of the goalscoring table.

Altona Gate hosted St Albans to a 1-1 draw with that match overshadowed by a suspected broken leg to CCSL star Goran Lozanovski. The Gator, on loan from Preston, clashed heavily with Saints' keeper Sean Keogh and was taken from the ground by ambulance.

Croydon City squandered an opportunity for a much needed win when it led Green Gully 3-1 before capitulating in the final minutes to draw 3-3 and once mighty Brunswick Juventus continued its downward spiral of late, this time crashing 2-0 to the surprising North Geelong team.

LEADING SCORERS

Carlos Petre	11
S Lane	9
Danny Nield	9
John Markovski	8
Peter Lutgens	8
Nick Deligiannis	8
Ivan Didulica	7
Ice Spiteri	7
Brian Bothwell	7
Gary McMullen	7

ROUND 15 RESULTS

FAWKNER	5 (Retre 3, Vlatkovic, Jackson)
KNOX	0
SPRINGVALE CITY	1 (Nelson)
CAULFIELD CITY	2 (Deligiannis, papadopoulos)
BRUNS UTD JUVENTUS	0
NORTH GEELONG	2 (Cervinski, Didiluca)
CROYDON CITY	3 (Gilder, Kaukianen, og)
GREEN GULLY	3 (Becvinovski, Gnjudic 2)
BULLEEN	2 (Frezzi, og)
THOMASTOWN	2 (Luna, McMullen)
ALTONA GATE	1 (Lozanovski)
ST ALBANS	1 (Pondeljak)
ALBION	1 (Spiteri)
SUNSHINE GX	2 (Markovski, Pappas)

APOLOGY

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ODDS AGAINST SPRINGVALE

By Greg Blake

When Springvale City went top of the Premier League in round 14 there was no scratching of heads in disbelief.

Twelve months ago another team was producing that same fairytale story of a First Division title followed up by Premier League domination.

Then Premier League newcomers from North Geelong defied history by winning the 1992 grand final.

The brash West Coasters produced the best best finish by any Premier League club in its first season in the big time.

Until last year no rookie Premier League club had managed better than third in the state's elite competition at first attempt.

North Geelong broke a 34 year-old VSF record by winning the league with a performance which might never be equalled.

Springvale City certainly cannot, having already had a stint at Premier League level between 1985 and 1989.

But the all-conquering Vales are well placed to equal North's feat of back-to-back Division One and Premier League titles.

Statistically a North Geelong - Springvale City back-to-back title double would go against all the trends set over Premier League history.

Only eight of the 58 clubs promoted to the Premier League since 1959 have managed a top five finish (none higher than third prior to 1992) the year following promotion, with not one club able to bridge the gap between the top of division one and the top five of the Premier League for a 16 year span between 1961 and 1977.

Until last year no team has achieved the feat in the decade since 1982.

For newly-promoted Premier League clubs, year one in the big league has proved something of a horror



SPRINGVALE VERSUS BRUNSWICK

story over the years.

Of the 58 clubs to make the jump from division one to the Premier League since 1959 a remarkable 31, or 53.49 percent, have finished the opening year in the bottom four,

seven of them (12.09 percent) finishing as wooden-spooners.

Another 18 teams, or 31.03 percent, have struggled to some mid-table respectability in the first season up, and only nine clubs, a

miserly 15.52 percent, have finished in the top five.

North Geelong remains the sole owner of the 1.72 percent of clubs to have achieved the ultimate promotion season.

The odds are well and truly stacked against Springvale City in '92, but with North Geelong having opened the door who is to say Gus MacLeod's boys aren't about to walk on through as well.

DOBO BOUNCES BACK

by Con Stavros

Altona Gate coach of just one month, Ian Dobson, is set to prove his critics wrong after his sudden dismissal from CCSL team Preston earlier in the year.

The affable 35 year old, despite a historic Dockerty Cup victory, was given the chop just three matches into the season, in a decision he hopes to prove was a "bloody stupid mistake".

Pulling on the boots and helping out his mate Norrie Pate with the young Knox City team early in this year's Premier League campaign, Dobson, after protracted negotiations has finally settled into life at Paisley Park.

"One of the reasons the move here (Altona Gate) took so long was because I wanted to make sure I had a contract of 18 months," explains Dobson.

GET SET FOR A BLUE BLITZ

By Greg Blake

Fawkner's crucial win at Brunswick Juventus over a month ago might well have marked a turning point in the season for the Ken Murphy coached side.

Struggling after just a single win in April, Fawkner has seemingly turned the corner after starting last month with an unexpected win at the Western Oval.

Since that win over their fiercest rivals the Blues have coasted back as genuine top five contenders, a position club supporters feel is just reward for their patience.

With the weight of expectation riding heavily on the collective shoulders at Jukes Road pre-season, anything but a drive to top spot was going to be a disappointment to the Fawkner faithful.

But, to put things in perspective, the 1992 finalist was always going to take time to settle into the new year.

A new coach - Murphy - and no Dean Anastasiadis, Robbie Tombolato, Danny Gjindic, Claude Lucchesi and David Hanna, as well as long-term injured stalwart Tony Schipano, was always going to mean major problems for the club.

Like any newly developing side they've led a roller-coaster existence, winning a couple early season but coping some thumpings along way, the 5-0 drubbing at Bulleen in April will rankle with Blues supporters for years to come.

But persistence pays, and Murphy's new look Blues are winding up for a title tilt behind the heavyweights from Bulleen, North Geelong and Springvale City.

Last year's finals series was a disaster for Fawkner, without a major trophy since its Dockerty Cup win 1984.

Only Croydon City (1978) has remained a fixture in the Premier League for a longer unbroken span than the Blues, yet the likes of the Dons, Morwell and Heidelberg United have all secured double title successes since Fawkner made the big time in 1983.

Murphy's '93 recipe looks appetising enough, but too often in the recent past the Blues have looked the goods, failed to deliver and frustrated the heck out of previous coaches, particularly 1991 and 1992 player coach Lucchesi. Rick Janssen - already dropped and recalled under Murphy's no compromise rule, Chris Jackson, Adrian Pender, Eddie Kuzman, George Karkaletsis and top-gun Brian Bothwell are the newcomers.

The likes of Mark Sorrentino, Jimmy Goulis and Mario Crivari are cementing senior places for the first time. It's an impressive line-up, if new-look. Janssen was brilliant for Green Gully last year, Pender is a tried and true champion at this level - in my opinion, shared by Murphy, a class a above, Kiwi Chris Jackson is getting the chance to prove the doubters at Melbourne CSC wrong, and Kuzman and Karkaletsis played premierships soccer with all-conquering North Geelong last time out. "Pender is an NSL class player, I really believe that," says Murphy. "Chris is determined to prove himself." Bothwell has been savaging lower league defences for a couple of years until Murphy picked him up for '93 and he's continuing the job in top company. "I don't know how he (Bothwell) hasn't been picked up until now," says Murphy. "He's a top player."

"People do forget that this is a new side, but I think we're starting to get it right now. "I believe the best of this side is yet to come."

It appears Murphy is now getting the blend right, with proven performers in Carlos Retre, Seb Emmanuele and Manny Anezakis adding a further impressive touch to a side on the rise.

Wins over Juventus, North Geelong and Caulfield and a line-ball defeat at Springvale have shown a return to form for the side which showed plenty, if inconsistently, early season.

With what shape as winnable games against Altona Gate, Green Gully and Thomastown to come in the next month, Fawkner could cement what its fans consider is the club's rightful place in the top five.



The World Game



GREECE IN FAST TRACK TO USA '94



Greek ace Dimitris Saravakos: overlooked

THE break-up of the Soviet Union, resulting in a low-profile Russian team, and the war in the former Republic of Yugoslavia, which saw the national team banned from the World Cup qualifiers, have helped ease the path of Greece to the 1994 World Cup finals.

But be it politics or mere luck, Greece became the first European country to qualify for the 1994 World Cup finals when they drew with Russia in Moscow.

Whatever the circumstances, one man in particular, Alketas Panagoulas, the Greek coach, deserves credit.

He took charge late last year after some terrible performances which were highlighted by a home defeat against Cyprus in a friendly.

But within the next few months he transformed the team to head Group Five.

"The American", as he is called because of his spell as a manager of the US team in the early 1980s, deserves to join the Hall of Fame for becoming a

manager who has coached a team in all three major football tournaments: Greece in the 1980 European Nations' Cup and in next year's World Cup finals and the US in the 1984 Olympics.

"My dreams have been realised but that is not the end of my ambitions," he said after the match in Moscow.

Panagoulas' system of playing has produced the best defensive record in the World Cup qualifiers — along with Denmark, Eire and Russia — conceding just one goal in six games, and that from a dubious penalty.

But his selection methods have caused a great deal of criticism as he disregarded Dimitris Saravakos, the country's star striker and Vasilis Karapialis.

By the same token, midfielder Tasos Mitropoulos, at 36, proved a brilliant choice for the team when many doubted his prowess and stamina.

The press did not like the idea and neither did the fans.

But Panagoulas also brought in some very young talented players who now

form the backbone and the future of the Greek team.

Panagoulas can now plan confidently ahead to meeting the likes of Germany and Brazil in America.

Panagoulas said: "The new Greek league should start earlier to give the team more time to prepare, and strong friendlies will be arranged.

"There is the need for total commitment and guidance for the new talent. This team is working for the future of Greek football and idols and heroes will be created.

"People may think that I am overdoing it but I classify our success as one of the biggest sporting achievements of this century."

The Greek FA is going to give each player \$6,000 as a bonus for the draw in Russia.

The FA president Kostas Trivellas said: "I am enjoying one of the happiest moments of my life.

"We have convinced the most pessimistic people that we are on the right track."

CUBILLA'S ON A PEACE MISSION

URUGUAYAN national boss Luis Cubilla is heading for Italy on a peace making mission.

For two years, Cubilla has run his side without his best players — Ruben Sosa, Daniel Fonseca, Carlos Aguilera and Enzo Francescoli — all of whom play in Italy.

Now he has asked them to put aside past squabbles as Uruguay prepare for the World Cup qualifiers.

The dispute followed claims — made by Cubilla in 1990 — that Uruguay's exiles were motivated by greed, rather than national pride.

Now he says: "We should forget all confrontations and united our forces."

DINAMITE RETIRES

SUPERSTAR striker Roberto Dinamite has bid an emotional farewell to Brazilian soccer. The 38-year-old scored 748 goals in his career and attracted a remarkable 90,000 fans to his farewell game at the reopened Maracana.



LUIS CUBILLA

SOCCER WITH A LATIN BEAT

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Brazilian game abandoned after pitch invasion

REFEREE Joao Paulo de Araujo traded punches with fans who attacked him near the end of a Sao Paulo championship Group 2 clash.

Santos were 3-2 down at home to bottom club Novorizontino when fans, infuriated by de Araujo sending off Santos winger Cilinho for faking a foul to try to get a penalty, swarmed onto the pitch.

De Araujo took up a classic boxing stance and lashed out at his attackers before police with batons escorted him from the field.

He abandoned the game with eight minutes left as missiles rained down.

Commentators said the result would almost certainly stand, ending Santos' chances of reaching the final. Santos were expecting to win easily but Novorizontino twice came from behind.

The referee in the Sao Paulo-Corinthians match had his changing room guarded by police to protect him from angry club officials shouting abuse over a disputed goal.

Sao Paulo lost 1-0 to Corinthians in the other Group 2 match and must now hope Corinthians drop at least one point in their next game against Novorizontino.

Neto scored the winner in the second half after having a penalty saved in the ninth minute.

Sao Paulo officials were convinced the goal was offside and insulted referee Jose Aparecida de Oliveira in his changing room.

Sao Paulo coach Tele Santana, whose team have played 54 games in 123 days, blamed the defeat on poor refereeing and tiredness.

"I am not going to allow my team to play again without an interval of at least 72 hours," he said.

Sao Paulo played Novorizontino 48 hours earlier.

20 SENT OFF IN PARAGUAYAN MATCH

TWENTY brawling players were sent off in a Paraguayan match.

Trouble flared in the 20th minute of the Second Division game between Sportivo Ameliano and General Caballero when two Sportivo players were ordered off in quick succession for violent fouls.

Enraged Sportivo players surrounded referee William Weiler and fighting broke out when their opponents joined in.

After a 10-minute free-for-all, the referee sent off all but two players, abandoned the match and was escorted from Sportivo's stadium by police.

Jorge Benitez and Hugo Duran, both of General Caballero, earned the distinction of not being dismissed.

Atlante win Mexican title

ATLANTE won the Mexican championship with a 3-0 win away to 10-man Monterrey in the second leg of the final.

Atlante, champions for the fourth time in their history, won the first leg 1-0.

Monterrey's challenge began to falter in the 37th minute when defender Roberto Hernandez was sent off for a foul on Daniel Guzman.

Two minutes later Uruguayan Wilson Graccolatti opened the scoring for Atlante.

Monterrey threw themselves into attack desperately in the second half but were left exposed at the back and Daniel Guzman scored two more to wrap up the title for Atlante.

Argentine Sergio Verdirme missed a second half penalty for Monterrey.



The World Game



MARSEILLE MAY STAGE 1998 WORLD CUP FINAL

THE final of the 1998 World Cup is likely to be played in Marseille, not Paris.

Complications arising over the site of the new stadium which was to have been built in outer Paris have resulted in the French government looking at Marseille as an alternate venue.

The current Stade Velodrome in Marseille holds just under 40,000 and would require at least another 20,000 seats to stage the final.

FIFA rules stipulate that a stadium must hold at least 60,000 spectators if it is to postulate for a World Cup final.

Marseille are the best supported club in France.

This season they averaged 33,000 per home match, and they would fill a 60,000-capacity stadium several times a year whereas an arena so far from the centre of the French capital would seldom, if ever, be full after the 1998 World Cup finals.

A new stadium near Paris would cost about \$450 million.

Renovations and extensions to the Marseille ground \$48 million.



European champions Marseille — ready to occupy renovated premises if their home ground is chosen as the 1998 World Cup final venue.

FEYENOORD ARE THE CHAMPS!

FEYENOORD Rotterdam has won the Dutch championship for the 13th time with a stylish 5-0 win at FC Groningen in their last league match of the season.

They ended two points clear of defending champions PSV Eindhoven who managed only a 2-2 home draw against FC Volendam.

Feyenoord topped the table with 53 points from 34 matches, and it was their first championship success since 1984.

Some 20,000 fans watched at Groningen and another 40,000 at the Feyenoord Stadium cheered the title clincher via two giant television screens.

FINAL FRENCH TABLE

Marseille	38	23	9	6	72	36	55
St Germain	38	20	11	7	61	29	51
Monaco	38	21	9	8	56	29	51
Bordeaux	38	18	12	8	42	25	48
Nantes	38	17	11	10	54	39	45
Auxerre	38	18	7	13	57	44	43
St Etienne	38	13	17	8	34	26	43
Strasbourg	38	12	16	10	58	57	40
Lens	38	12	16	10	36	41	40
Montpellier	38	12	12	14	36	41	36
Caen	38	13	9	16	55	54	35
Metz	38	11	13	14	44	45	35
Toulouse	38	9	16	13	36	45	34
Lyon	38	9	15	14	40	45	33
Le Havre	38	11	11	16	42	53	33
Sochaux	38	11	10	17	33	50	32
Lille	38	7	16	15	26	48	30
Valenciennes	38	9	11	18	42	57	29
Toulon	38	6	13	19	31	56	25
Nimes	38	3	16	19	32	66	22



RUDI VOELLER



RAYMOND GOETHALS

Champs lose last game

EUROPEAN champions Marseille, already assured a record fifth French title, ended the league season with a hangover last Wednesday.

Marseille, who have been busy celebrating since becoming the first French club to win the Champions' Cup by beating AC Milan, lost 3-1 away to lowly Toulouse.

Michael Debeve scored after only two minutes for the home side but Croatian striker Alen Boksic made it 1-1 with his 23rd goal of the season three minutes later.

Bernard Ferrer put Toulouse back in front just before halftime and Anthony Bancarel put the issue beyond doubt in the 53rd minute.

Paris St Germain, who saw their title hopes disappear with their defeat by Marseille secured runners-up spot by beating St Etienne 3-1.

A total of 41 goals were scored in the 10 first division matches.

GERMAN BID

THE German Football Association will submit a formal bid to host the 2006 World Cup finals.

FIFA said the bid would be formally presented to FIFA president Joao Havelange at FIFA headquarters.

West Germany hosted the World Cup finals in 1974, the only time Australia has qualified.

The United States will host the 1994 finals; France has been chosen for the 1998 tournament and Japan is favourite to be awarded 2002 when FIFA wants the finals to be staged in Asia.

Federation gives aid to relatives of attack victims

The German Federation has condemned the arson attack by suspected rightists that killed five Turks, and donated \$44,400 to the victims' relatives.

Egidius Braun, president of the Federation, says the German national team will meet an all-star selection of foreigners who play in the Bundesliga in a charity match on October 5 in Augsburg. Braun says foreigners play with us, foreigners are with us in the stadium, foreigners belong with us. All Bundesliga games last Saturday week began with a minute of silence to mark that day's attack.



The man in the mask, Paul Gascoigne. A fractured cheekbone needed a radical solution — which the irrepressible Gazza promptly produced playing for Lazio.



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WERDER WINS GERMAN TITLE

Substitute Bernd Hobsch scored twice to help Werder Bremen beat defending champions VfB Stuttgart 3-0 away and win the German First Division championship on Saturday.

In a title race that went to the final day, Bremen ended one point clear of Bayern, who battled to a 3-3 draw at 10th-placed Schalke and missed out on a record 13th league title.

Bremen won the championship for the third time after triumphs in 1965 and 1988.

"Naturally this is the greatest day in my life," said Hobsch, who replaced striker Stefan Kohn in the 38th minute of the scoreless first half.

Just 29 seconds into the second half, Hobsch netted a pass from defender Ulrich Borowka to give Bremen the lead in a match they dominated from the beginning.

Hobsch laid on the second five minutes later for midfielder Thomas Wolter and added a third in the 74th minute.

Schalke midfielder Alexander Bordjuk helped Bremen's cause, scoring twice against Bayern including the equaliser four minutes from time.

Bayern got off to a bad start when a 30-metre shot by Ingo Anderbruegge gave Schalke the lead in the fourth minute.

Mehmet Scholl equalised midway through the half but 10 minutes later Schalke were back in front.

Lothar Matthaeus equalised again for Bayern in the 74th minute and Dutchman Jan Wouters put them ahead two minutes later.

But Borodjuk killed off Bayern's title hopes with his second goal four minutes from time.

"We had everything to win and nothing to lose on the final day," said Bremen coach Otto Rehagel. "It was a sheer soccer wonder."

Bremen had snatched the Bundesliga leadership from Bayern on a goal difference of just one last Saturday.

"We are naturally all depressed," Bayern coach Erich Ribbeck said. "We gave it all we had, but we got nothing for free this season."

Bochum, who have struggled for 22 years in the Bundesliga, were finally relegated along with Saarbruecken and Bayer Uerdingen, but not without a fight.

Their 3-1 win over Wattenscheid was not enough as Nuremberg beat Saarbruecken 4-1 to avoid the drop.

Bayer Leverkusen clinched a berth in the UEFA Cup — along with Bayern, Borussia Dortmund and Eintracht Frankfurt — after a 4-0 win over Borussia Moenchengladbach.

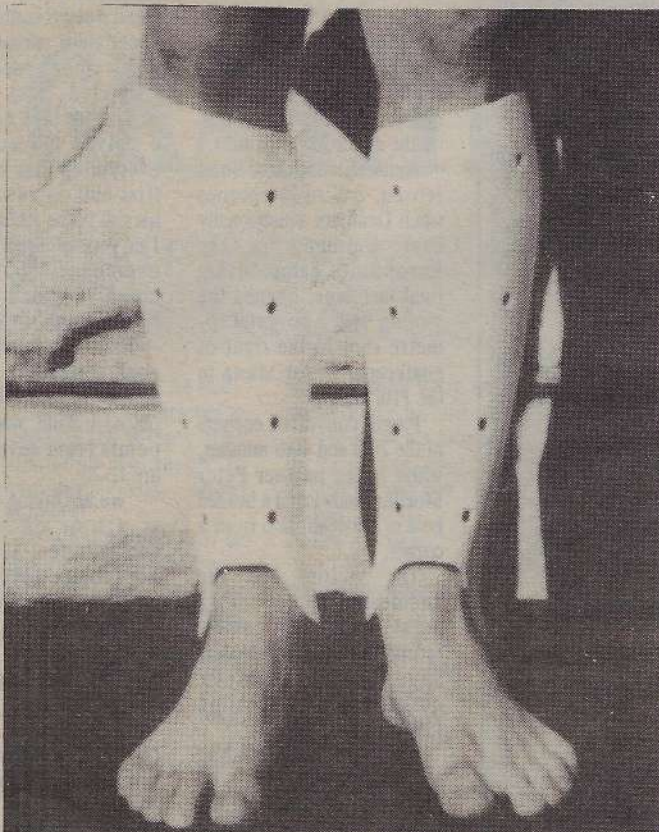
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The World Game



Clubs banking on imported talent

NEVER in the history of European football have so many foreigners dominated the elite leagues.

As the 1992-3 season draws to a close, a staggering 500 imported players will be leaving for home.

A survey of the clubs shows a fascinating pattern, with each of them having a particular preference for certain nationalities. Europe's colonial past has left its mark on several nations including Portugal where nearly half of the First Division's 87 foreign players are Brazilian.

The historical links between the two nations have left a common language and cultural similarities that make a Portuguese club the natural destination for players such as Aloisio of Porto and Mozer of Benfica.

COLONIES

In fact, the transition into Portuguese football for

Brazilians and players from other former colonies became so easy that in 1989 the national football federation was forced to pass a new law. Up until then, footballers from an ex-colony were considered "indigenous" and not counted as foreigners.

The 1989 change ensured that anyone born outside Portugal was registered a foreign player, and set a limit of six imports to each team.

The colonial trend continues in Belgium and the Netherlands.

This past season, 12 players from Zaire performed in Belgium's top division, while just across the border, Dutch clubs are consistently on the look-out for new talent from Surinam.

The small South American country, formerly Dutch Guyana, only became independent in 1975, and has already given the Netherlands Ruud Gullit and Frank Rijkaard.

Any player born in Surinam can choose Dutch citizenship if

he wishes and many young footballers take that opportunity in the hope of emulating the two stars of the Netherlands national side.

Sometimes the issue of who moves where can depend on more dramatic circumstances.

The most striking example is in the Croatian league where 35 of the 43 foreign players are Bosnians displaced by the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

RESTRICTIONS

The Croatian Sports Federation have waived all usual restrictions on foreign imports of Bosnians.

The footballing refugees have been guaranteed at least five more years in Croatia with no questions asked.

The Bosnian league, for obvious reasons, has been shut down.

Other factors influencing the different preferences of foreign players and host clubs include

climate, temperament and style of play.

English football has been a magnet for Scandinavian players attracted by the fast-paced, physical nature of the game in Britain.

Seventeen of the 43 foreign professionals currently playing in the Premier League come from Norway, Denmark and Sweden.

One of them, Danish international goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel, has just become a league champion with Manchester United.

Finally, there is the price factor — because who goes where depends on how much the buyer can afford to pay.

Italy is in the most powerful force in the European football market. Only Italian clubs have the cash to import the best players from the Dutch and German leagues.

The rest are left to establish their own corners of the market through connections of history, geography and even war.



Marseille's Abédi Pele — rated the best African "import" in Europe.

DENMARK BOOST WORLD CUP HOPES WITH 4-0 WIN



JOHN JENSEN: the Danish and Arsenal midfielder scored the opening goal.

NEW BOSS AT PALACE

Alan Smith was rewarded for his long service with Crystal Palace by being named manager of the relegated English Premier League team last week.

Smith, who has been with Palace for 12 years, succeeds former England winger Steve Coppell on a two-year contract.

Coppell, who had Smith as his assistant for three years, resigned a fortnight ago after being unable to prevent Palace being relegated.



ALAN SMITH: 12 years at Selhurst Park and finally the manager.

STRIKER Frank Pingel headed in two corners to help European champions Denmark beat Albania 4-0 and move a step nearer the World Cup finals last week.

The Danes, looking for a big win over lowly Albania to improve their goal tally in their tight European qualifying group three, went on the attack from the start.

Arsenal midfielder John Jensen, one of the heroes when Denmark sensationally beat Germany in the European Championship final last June, opened the scoring with a powerful 25-metre shot to the right of goalkeeper Perlat Musta in the 11th minute.

Pingel converted corners in the 20th and 40th minutes, while strike partner Peter Moeller sandwiched a headed goal in between, also from a corner.

The victory left the undefeated Danes on 12 points from eight games, second behind group leaders Spain who have 13 from nine qualifiers after beating Lithuania 2-0.

Playmaker Brian Laudrup of Fiorentina was the architect of the Danish victory with his speed and incisive passes against a frequently confused Albanian defence.

Laudrup set up Jensen's long-range opener after a solo raid and hit the corner which midfielder Kim Vilfort knocked on for Moeller to head the Danes into a three-goal lead.

An almost identical

Laudrup corner was headed in by Pingel for 4-0, drawing roars from a 39,503 capacity crowd.

Albania, missing key defender Artur Lekbello and midfielder Arben Milori who were not released by their Greek clubs, surged back in a wide open second half sprinkled with scoring chances for both sides.

"My players gave everything they had in the first half. A reaction was natural in the second session. I'm very pleased with their overall efforts," Danish coach Richard Moeller Nielsen said.

The Danes improved their goal difference to 9-1. Spain's is 18-2, while third-placed Ireland, who have 11 points from seven games, are 12-2.

"We are taking one match at a time on which we concentrate 100 per cent. Let's not speculate about the finals," Moeller Nielsen said.

Denmark — Peter Schmeichel; Jakob Kjaeldbjerg, Lars Olsen, Marc Rieper, Michael Larsen, John Jensen (Bjarne Goldback 83rd minute), Brian Steen Nielsen, Kim Vilfort, Frank Pingel, Peter Moeller (Martin Johansen 64th), Brian Laudrup.

Albania — Perlat Musta; Hysen Zmijani, Rudi Vata, Ilir Shulku, Artan Bano, Adnan Ocelli, Shygyri Shala, Sulejman Demollari (Klitor Bozgo 17th), Kastriot Pegini, Sokol Kushta, Indrit Fortuzi (Alvaro Zalla 83rd).



JEAN-PIERRE PAPIN: the AC Milan and French striker has demanded a first team place next season or he threatened to leave the Italian giants, who also look likely to lose Dutch pair Frank Rijkaard and Ruud Gullit next season.

SOCCER POOLS



THIS WEEK'S MATCH LIST

WEEK 411

SAT. 12TH JUNE, 1993

NSW DIV. 1	BLACKTOWN	SUTHERLAND	1
	LIVERPOOL	DULWICH HILL	2
	GLADESVILLE	W. WANDERERS	3
	PAGEWOOD	FRASER PARK	4
NSW DIV. 2	SYDNEY DIST.	PARRAMATTA	5
	WERRIBEE CITY	RINGWOOD C.	6
	FRANKSTON P.	OAKLEIGH	7
	PT. MELBOURNE	DONCASTER R.	8
VIC. STATE LGE. DIV. 1	NORTHCOTE C.	BR'MEADOWS C.	9
	WESTERN SUBS.	BELL PARK	10
	WAVERLEY	EAST. BRUNS. U.	11
	MOOROOLBARK	SUNBURY U.	12
VIC. STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 2	CHELSEA	SPRINGVALE U.	13
	SANDRINGHAM	CLARINDA	14
	NUNAWADING C.	BOX HILL INTER.	15
	DOVETON	BENT. GREENS	16
VIC. STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 3	ELTHAM UTD.	GEELONG	17
	CORIO UTD.	STH. WERRIBEE	18
	MOORABBIN	LALOR UTD.	19
	REGENT	S. DANDENONG	20
VIC. STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 4	SEAFORD UTD.	KEILOR EAGLES	21
	FITZROY CITY	MELBOURNE C.	22
	PASCOE VALE	ESSENDON C.	23
	INGLEWOOD	ATHENA	24
WEST. AUST. DIVISION 1	BASSEDEAN	OSBORNE PK.	25
	FREMENTLE B.	NORTH PERTH	26
	BAYSWATER	SPEARWOOD	27
	KINGSWAY	STIRLING M.	28
WEST. AUST. DIVISION 2	ROCKINGHAM	PERTH ITALIA	29
	W.T. BIRKALLA	SALISBURY	30
	CROYDON	MODBURY	31
	OLYMPIANS	ADELAIDE CITY	32
SOUTH AUST. DIVISION 1	BLUE EAGLES	WOODVILLE	33
	PARA HILLS	ENFIELD	34
	CUMBERLAND	CAMPBELLTOWN	35
	PLYMPTON	PORT LION	36
SOUTH AUST. DIVISION 2	NOARLUNGA	ELIZABETH	37
	CENTRAL DIST.	SEAFORD	38

RESERVE MATCHES

WEST. AUST. DIVISION 1	S. VARDAR	WANNEROO	39
	NORTH LAKE	MELVILLE	40
	MORLEY	GOSNELLS	41
	QUEENS PARK	BALGA	42
WEST. AUST. DIVISION 2	SWAN CRAC.	DIANELLA	43
	STIRLING T.	ASHFIELD	44
	SWAN I.C.	ARMADALE PK.	45
	COCKBURN	GERALDTON	46
WEST. AUST. DIVISION 3	WEST COAST	UNIVERSITY	47
	PERTH CITY	CANNING CITY	48
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	SOMERSET	BURNIE	56
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	MALVERN CITY	SUNSHINE	58
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72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	23	23	27	27	23	23	20	21	22	21
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Results History is from Week 38, the start of six from 38 Pools

RESULTS OF WEEK 410 SAT JUNE 5, 1993

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NICK BARMBY

The next Gary Lineker?

THE EARLY DAYS

Nick was destined for a life in football from the day he was born in Hull on February 11, 1974.

His dad, Jeff, was a top amateur player who starred for Scarborough in the 1976 FA Trophy Final and also played for Hull and York.

Barmby Junior's first brush with the game came at Kelvin Hall School in Hull, where Deputy Headmaster Malcolm Barnes recalls: "Nick was a bright boy, but his academic ability was outshone by his football talent. You could tell he was destined for the very top."

Meanwhile, Nick was also turning out for National Tigers, a local boys' Sunday team, where he scored 'hundreds of goal'. He earned selection for Hull Schools and then England Schools, where he lined up alongside a certain Ryan Giggs and

hammered nine goals in as many games.

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MOST EXCELLENT

At Lilleshall, Nick was simply breathtaking. In 32 representative matches he hit 44 goals and he never stopped trying to learn as much as possible.

England schoolboys manager Dave Bushell remembers Barmby well, and still wears a Hull supporters' hat that Nick once loaned him.

"Nicky had a professional's head on a young boy's shoulders. He was so good at taking up positions to receive the ball. It was something which was just instinctive, coupled with a quick thinking brain."

"With all due respect to the others playing at the time, you could see that he had something a little extra. He plays a

One of the success stories of the season, Tottenham's Nick Barmby is tipped as 'the next Gary Lineker'.

different game to most, and it will be interesting to see how that develops."

Before going to the School of Excellence, Nick had spent some time at Old Trafford and there were many clubs interested in him, including Arsenal. But it was their North London rivals Spurs who tempted him to sign on the dotted line.

THE INSPIRATION

Living in Hull, Nick was a regular among the crowd at Boothferry Park but his heart was on the other side of the country — at Anfield.

"My dad took me to see Liverpool play Scunthorpe in a

testimonial match for Ray Clemence," says Nick. "Being at Lilleshall gave me more chance to go and see their home matches and I became a big fan of Peter Beardsley."

"I've modelled my style on him to a certain extent. I still often study my collection of Beardsley videotapes to help with my game."

SPURRED TO SUCCESS

It was almost an accident that Spurs signed Barmby because Youth Development Officer John Moncur had popped down to Lilleshall to check on a couple of Spurs lads, and while there spotted Nick and invited him for trials at White Hart Lane.

"Once I saw the set-up at Spurs I had no hesitation in signing schoolboy forms for them," recalls Nick.

He played his way swiftly through the ranks at White Hart Lane and was soon knocking on the first-team door. At the same time he was stepping up through the levels for England too, with U16, U18, U19 and U20 caps — in the World Youth Cup — all coming his way.

His eagerly awaited Spurs debut came as a sub at Sheffield Wednesday on September 27, 1992. The Owls won 2-0, but Barmby did enough to keep his place in side.

"We threw him in at the deep end, and he responded magnificently," said Spurs coach Doug Livermore. "He's a good goalscorer, but he can drop back as well. We're very pleased with him."

The speculation is that a full England cap is not far away for young Nick — not bad for a kid who started the 1992/93 season cleaning boots!



NICK BARMBY: all set to replace Gary Lineker at Tottenham and England.

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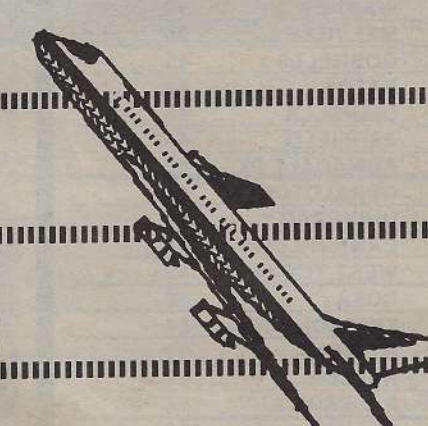
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The World Game



Hoddle takes Swindon to the top

Player-manager Glenn Hoddle, who has taken Swindon Town into the Premier League for the first time in the club's history could miss out leading the side next season as he is rumoured to be considering an offer to take over the vacant manager's job at glamour side Chelsea. Hoddle admitted after his side beat Leicester City 4-3 in the play-off finals at Wembley: "This is right up there among the highlights of my career - the Championship at Monaco, my England caps and my FA Cup wins with Spurs."

"It's a great feeling to be going back amongst the big boys. This season there was so much determination after we came so close two years ago," said Hoddle.

Swindon made promotion to the First Division (now Premier League) in the 1990 play-offs, but were later relegated owing to financial irregularities at the club.

The 35-year-old veteran, who is playing as a sweeper in the twilight of his career, joined Chelsea at the weekend despite efforts by the Swindon board to keep him at the club.

Chelsea have money available and gave Hoddle free reign after another disappointing season in the Premier League, which saw them sack manager Ian Porterfield after 18 months and caretaker boss David Webb after seven games.



GLENN HODDLE: celebrates taking Swindon into the Premier League.

Arsenal's FA Cup hero ends transfer speculation



ANDY LINIGHAN

ARSENAL'S FA Cup goalscoring hero Andy Linighan, who was regarded a \$2 million flop at Highbury until his timely extra-time header against Sheffield Wednesday, could have secured his future thanks to his Wembley winner.

Linighan was rumoured to be ready to leave Arsenal and sign for Nottingham Forest, but now the lanky defender could force Steve Bould out into permanent reserve team football.

"When I came to the club I was regarded as a big money misfit but I think I have won the fans over now," said Linighan.

Linighan, who enabled Arsenal to become the first club to win both the League Cup (Coca-Cola Cup) and the FA Cup in one season, booked his old club Norwich a passport into Europe.

Arsenal will now go into the Cup-Winners' Cup, leaving the Canaries, who finished third in the Premier League, to take their place in the UEFA Cup.



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- 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Place Finals
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TOO MANY GAMES



CARLTON PALMER: Too many matches affected England's World Cup hopes.

Carlton Palmer who played for England in their humiliating 2-0 defeat in the World Cup qualifier against Norway confessed: "The amount of matches we play in the English League is killing England's chances of reaching the World Cup finals."

Palmer was playing, astonishingly, his 61st game of the season against Norway, a defeat which looks likely to end England's 1994 World Cup hopes and the job of England manager for Graham Taylor if they don't win their remaining three World Cup qualifiers.

Palmer won't officially bring the curtain down on the 1992/93 season until Monday, June, 21, when England return from their three-match tour to the United States. Three weeks later, he resumes pre-season



GRAHAM TAYLOR: could be on his way out if England don't qualify for USA '94.

training with his club side Sheffield Wednesday.

"We've got some of the best players in the world in England yet we haven't won

a thing at international level since 1966. The problem has got to be too many games," said Palmer.

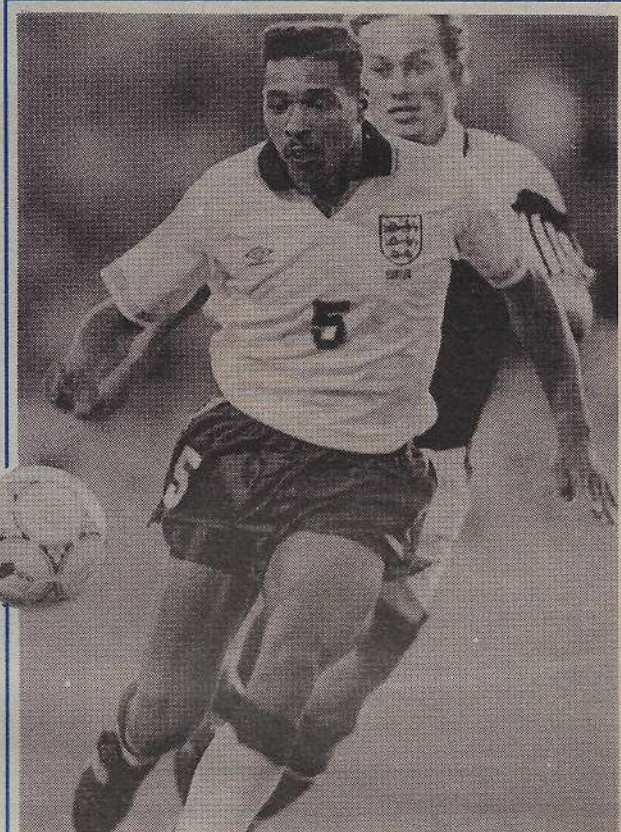
"We weren't a bad side at

last year's European Championships, but we just couldn't legislate for the number of injuries we suffered in the lead-up to the finals.

"That was a direct result of coming out of a 60-game season straight into a major tournament where you're expected to produce international performances in another three or four games crammed into two weeks.

"If I have to go to America to keep my England place that is what I will do - and that goes for the rest of the lads as well."

England, who are now fuming that they dropped points against Holland and Poland, have it all to do if they are to get back on track for the 1994 World Cup in the USA - but Palmer is one player who will be giving the England cause his every ounce of effort.



DES WALKER: another poor display against Norway by the Italian based star who looks set to return to England soon.

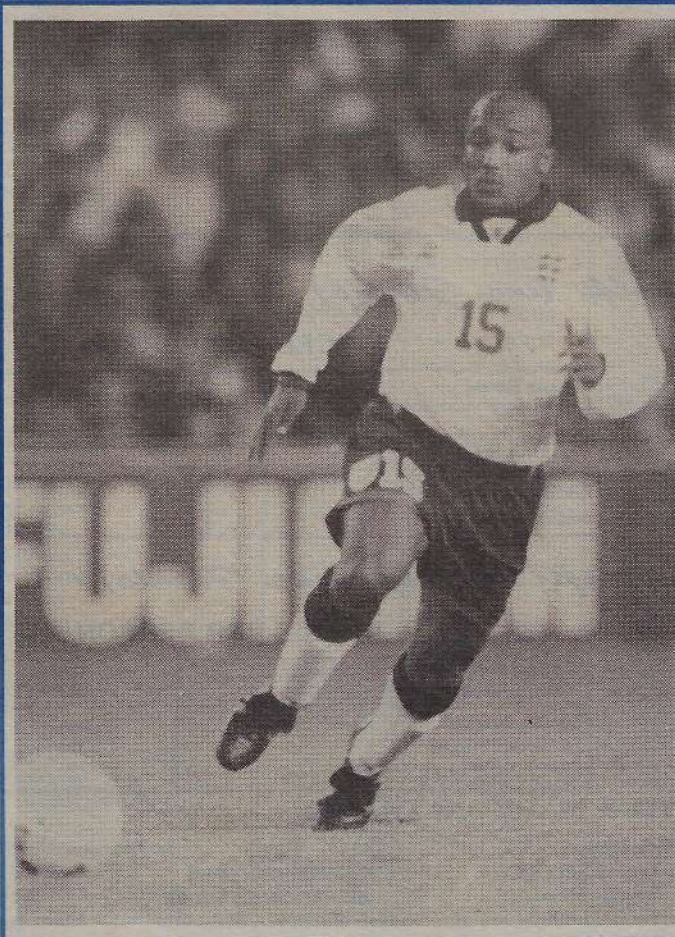
Aussie heartbreaker set for a \$3 million transfer

BY STEPHEN COPPING

Leicester City's Julien Joachim, the striker who scored the winning goal against the Young Socceroos to deny Australia their best ever place in a major tournament, is set for a staggering \$3 million transfer to Premier League champions Manchester United.

Joachim, who couldn't guarantee a first team place at Leicester at the beginning of the season, is now set for a big money move because his side failed to gain promotion to the Premier Division after losing 4-3 in the play-off final at Wembley to David Mitchell's Swindon.

Joachim has been chased by a number of Premier League sides including Arsenal, Aston Villa and Manchester United. But it seems likely that the 19-year-old will opt for a move to Old Trafford as they are chasing European Cup success next season for the first time since 1968.



JULIEN JOACHIM: heading for a big money move to English giants Manchester United.

Newspaper says Giggs to transfer to AC Milan

ITALIAN champion AC Milan is negotiating for the transfer of Welsh forward Ryan Giggs from Manchester United to replace departing Dutchman Ruud Gullit, Italy's largest sports daily reported.

"Milan is looming on Giggs, the new (George) Best," read the frontpage headline of Gazzetta dello Sport.

A spokeswoman for the Milan club, which is owned and richly financed by media tycoon Silvio Berlusconi, denied the report and called it a tale.

However, it is common for clubs to deny reports until an agreement is finalised. Gazzetta speculated that the imaginative Welsh teen would be the right player to support strikers Marco van Basten and Jean Pierre Papin in Milan's forward line next season.

Milan is known to be seeking replacements for aging Dutchmen Gullit and Frank Rijkaard, who have announced they will leave the Italian powerhouse after the season.

"I saw Giggs several times on TV. He's a very powerful, clever player," Gullit told Gazzetta.

Daniel Fonseca of Napoli is another of Milan's possible choices.

However, Napoli is reportedly asking for a transfer fee of \$16.9million for the Uruguayan forward, making the deal seem unlikely.



RYAN GIGGS

TEAMS TO DECIDE ON ANY WORLD CUP POINTS CHANGE

TEAMS competing in the 1994 World Cup finals will be asked to decide whether three points instead of two should be awarded for a win in first round matches.

The American organisers of the tournament have urged FIFA, to change the points format in an effort to encourage more entertaining, attacking games.

They had hoped FIFA's World Cup committee would give the go-ahead to alter the system at a meeting in Zurich.

However FIFA spokesman Guido Tognoni says if there is any resistance from the teams then FIFA will not impose the change, and the vote will probably have to be unanimous.

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